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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH
ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER No. 40

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SECTION

FEDERAL FACILITY VENDOR COLLECTIONS - - FRESH PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

We have noticed that quite a few of the Fresh Products Standardization and Inspection Offices are not differentiating between regular commercial collections and Federal Facility Vendor collections. On this basis, at such times as copies of Schedules are received in this office, we are unable to determine whether or not the collection is properly creditable to Miscellaneous Receipts or the National Trust Fund. Please mark on fee bills covering Federal Facility Vendor work the Agency served. This will distinguish Federal Facility Vendor collection work from regular commercial service.

MARKETING PROGRAMS OFFICES - - SUBSIDY ALLOTMENTS

Allotment Advices have just been received covering Subsidy Programs. These are as follows:

Area 1	Advice No. 61-61
Area 2	Advice No. 62-64
Area 3	Advice No. 63-55

Please indicate the appropriate Advice No. in all cases where disbursements are to be made for this purpose.

W. C. Hasbrouck
Administrative Officer

FRESH PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

DO NOT LICENSE JAMES W. CARTER OF MARYLAND

Because of his actions this month in New Jersey, James W. Carter of Maryland should not be licensed to inspect fresh fruits and vegetables in any area without specific authority from the Washington, D. C. office.

CORRECTION FOR CUSTOMARY NUMBER OF PACKAGES PER CARLOAD OF SWEET POTATOES

The number of packages of fresh harvested sweet potatoes per carload should be corrected to show 400 for Virginia, Maryland and South Carolina until November 1. 600 packages apply to all others. This change is due to an O.D.T. Order permitting a 20,000 lbs. minimum carload in the States named until November 1, 1945.

E. E. Conklin, Chief

MARKET NEWS DIVISION

FILE COPIES OF DAILY REPORTS

A number of offices, in addition to the regular number of copies of their daily reports furnished Washington for file purposes, are sending a separate single report usually addressed to C. D. Schoolcraft. It is unnecessary to furnish this single separate copy, since all copies needed in the Division are included in the number sent for filing purposes. This applies only to the Market News Division. Reports addressed to employees in other Divisions of the Branch should be continued.

ADDRESSING TELEGRAMS TO WASHINGTON

To facilitate delivery of commercial telegrams sent to Washington, they should be simply addressed "Schoolcraft, Markets, Agriculture", or "Buntin, Markets, Agriculture, Washington. D. C.". Much more rapid delivery is obtained by using this address than by using a full address showing Branch, Division, Room number, etc.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS

Location	In Charge	Commodity	Probable Opening and Closing Dates
Benton Harbor, Mich 206 P.O. Building	C. B. Miller	F & V	Aug. 6 - Oct. 30
Fresno, Calif. 223 Holland Bldg.	J. A. Hunter	Melons & Grapes	July 23 - Nov. 9
Grand Forks, N. D. 207 P. O. Bldg.	B. I. Burrell	Potatoes	Sept 17 - Mar. 30
Idaho Falls, Idaho P.O. Building	LeRoy W. Gay	Potatoes	Oct. 1 - Mar. 30
Lakeland, Florida 216 Citrus Center Bldg.	H. F. Willson	Citrus	Oct.8 - June15
Martingsburg, W. Va. 311 West King St.	R. M.Peterson	Apples	Sept.10 - Nov.16
Presque Isle, Me. Federal Building	S. W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept.10 - May 13
Rochester, 4, N. Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	A. L. Thomas	F & V	Aug.27 - May 10

C. D. Schoolcraft, Chief

FRUIT MARKETING DIVISION

APPLE SET-ASIDE ORDER

A War Food Order requiring handlers of apples grown in the Wenatchee-Okanogan and Yakima-Hood River districts of Washington and Oregon to set aside a percentage of the Winesap, Newtown, and Delicious (except Golden Delicious) varieties to aid the armed services and other Government agencies in obtaining their requirements of fresh apples has been submitted for approval.

CRANBERRIES

New ceiling prices on cranberries for fresh use, effective September 22, have been established by Amendment 143 to Maximum Price Regulation 426, issued by the Office of Price Administration on September 21. These prices are approximately five cents per pound less than the 1944 ceiling prices.

The f.o.b. shipping point prices per 1/4 barrel box are as follows:

Price Periods	Mass., N.Y., Rhode I., and New Jersey	Wisconsin	Oregon Wash.
Beg. of season thru Oct. 7	$4.70	$4.80	$4.95
Oct. 8 thru Oct. 28	4.85	4.95	5.10
Oct. 29 thru Nov. 18	5.00	5.10	5.25
Nov. 19 thru end of season	5.15	5.25	5.40

Prices for other packs are also established by this amendment.

APPLES

The disaster adjustment made in the ceiling price regulation for fresh apples, which expires September 30, is being recomputed on the basis of the September 1 crop report, which indicated a further reduction in the crop.

FIRST FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT REGULATION OF 1945-46 SEASON

The Florida Administrative and Shippers Advisory Committees, established pursuant to the Florida citrus marketing agreement and order, recommended to the Secretary of Agriculture on September 25, 1945 that from October 1 to 8, 1945, interstate shipments of all Florida grapefruit be limited to U. S. No. 2 and higher grades and shipments of seeded grapefruit be limited to sizes 96 and larger and of seedless grapefruit to sizes 126 and larger. This is the first regulation to be recommended by the committees during the current marketing season.

It is estimated that there are 17,594 cars of Florida Grapefruit available for interstate shipment during the 1945-46 season. Shipments of early-bloom grapefruit commenced at about the same time as in the 1944-45 season, 57 cars having been shipped prior to September 23, as compared with 63 cars during the corresponding period last year. Shipments are expected to increase rapidly in volume henceforth. Although the grapefruit crop shows considerable discoloration from melanose and rust-mite damage, it is anticipated that supplies of Florida grapefruit are sufficient that fresh shipments will be of excellent quality and desirable sizes.

WAR FOOD ORDERS 16 AND 17

On September 21, announcement was made of the termination of WFO 17 and the amendment of WFO 16, effective September 25. The termination of WFO 17 ends the control of raisin variety grapes and Zante currant grapes which has been imposed on the utilization of such varieties in the eight principal raisin producing counties in California during the last three seasons. It had been announced on June 2, 1945, that the restrictions on the use of these grapes under WFO 17 would be revoked.

Provisions of WFO 17 relating to the purchase, sale and use of raisins for alcohol and other non-food uses are replaced by comparable provisions in WFO 16, as amended.

The amendment of WFO 16 also provides for various percentages of set-aside for the several dried fruits instead of the 100 percent set aside heretofore required. The percentages are: natural Thompson Seedless raisins 38, Golden Bleached raisins 20, California Three District Prunes 35, California Outside District Prunes 50, peaches, freestone 30, apricots 100, apples 50. Dried pears and Zante currants are not required to be set aside, as requirements of government agencies for these fruits are very small and can be obtained without set aside.

WFO 16, as amended, also prohibits the dehydration of raisin variety grapes by means other than by sun-drying unless authorized by the Assistant Administrator, PMA, in writing. Under a similar provision in WFO 17, it was announced on August 21 that such authorizations would be limited to 38,000 tons of Golden Bleached raisins and 2,000 tons of Valencia or dehydrated Muscat raisins. Authorizations for the full tonnage specified for Valencias and nearly the full tonnage of Golden Bleached, have been issued to dehydrators in proportion to their plant capacity.

D. F. McMillen, Chief.

VEGETABLE MARKETING DIVISION

SURPLUS VEGETABLES

Supplies of cabbage are heavy and the program of consumer information and trade cooperation will be continued through October. Purchases for school lunch and relief distribution are being made in Colorado, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Massachusetts. The ceiling price on sauerkraut is being removed and an effort is being made to obtain adequate supplies of tin to facilitate maximum usage of cabbage for kraut. High yields, coupled with a slightly expanded acreage of fall crop snap beans in Virginia have resulted in heavy market supplies. Quality during the week beginning September 24 is reported as generally good. Purchases for school lunch and relief distribution are being made in the Virginia-Maryland area. It is expected that such assistance will be needed for only a short time. A large crop of cauliflower is beginning to move to market from Long Island and efforts to assist in marketing will be made through a program to acquaint consumers with the abundant supplies and to obtain trade cooperation in moving through regular channels. Cauliflower is not at present included among the commodities in our master docket for Section 32 purchases.

WAR FOOD ORDER 22.6 - CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUITS, CANNED VEGETABLE JUICES AND CANNED FRUIT JUICES REQUIRED TO BE SET ASIDE DURING 1944.

A procedure has been established in cases where a canner is in violation of this order for failure to meet his set aside requirements due to the product failing to meet quality requirements, and the canner had no other lots to offer to make up the shortage, apparently having shipped the balance of his pack to his civilian customers.

Upon receipt of a voluntary agreement from the canner that he will agree to make up this shortage out of his 1945 pack in addition to fulfilling his 1945 set aside requirements under WFO 22.9, the Commodity Credit Corporation prepares a letter wherein the canner signs two copies stating that he agrees that the subsidy payment will be withheld on subsidized items until restitution has been made.

Upon receipt of one signed copy of this letter by the Administrator of the order, a letter is prepared informing the canner that the quantity of his 1944 pack which he failed to deliver under WFO 22.6 is no longer subject to the restrictions of WFO 22.6. This enables the canner to dispose of the lot which failed to meet quality requirements through regular commercial channels.

WAR FOOD ORDER 22.9 - CANNED VEGETABLES AND CANNED VEGETABLE JUICES REQUIRED TO BE SET ASIDE DURING 1945.

Due to reduced Government requirements, a further amendment to WFO 22.9 is being prepared further reducing the percent that a cnner will be required to set aside out of his 1945 pack.

WAR FOOD ORDER 101 - CUCUMBER PICKLES AND PICKLE PRODUCTS.

Upon receipt of information that Brehms Stores, Seattle, Washington packed pickle products for distribution in bulk only through their own retail stores and that it would require some time for them, at additional expense, to arrange for special processing and packing necessary to meet Army specifications, this firm was authorized to dispose of its cucumber pickles and pickle products without regard to the provisions of b-1 and 2 of WFO 101, as amended. The Chicago Quartermaster Depot indicated that it did not desire to purchase the quantity which Brehms Stores would have been required to contract to sell to the Army under the provisions of the order.

SUGAR

Because of anticipated increase in the production of canned corn, requests have been received from canners for additional quantities of sugar over and above the original estimates of their requirements. It is anticipated that sufficient supplies of sugar will be available to meet these additional requirements. Requests have also been received for assistance in securing sugar for use by the canners of Red Kidney Beans, Pork and Beans, and other dried beans. These products are on an allotment basis. The quantity of sugar permitted is 50 percent of the quantity used in each quarterly period of 1941. Assistance will be given in cases where the canner is unable to obtain the quantity of sugar provided by rationing regulations.

L. S. Fenn, Chief

PROCESSED PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

Miss Mary Gene Neal, who is handling continuous factory inspection at the Consumers Cooperative Association, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, presented a practical grading demonstration for members of the Oregon Trail Women's Cooperative Guild of that city on September 19. Miss Neal demonstrated the grading of canned peaches and canned peas and explained the meaning of U. S. Grades in terms of these products.

Our temporary offices at Bridgeton, New Jersey and Walla Walla, Washington were closed approximately September 15.

F. L. Southerland, Acting Chief.